

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	15-0477/2	Introduction Number	AB-0220	Estimate Type	Original
Description Establishing a mandatory minimum period of confinement in prison for a person who possesses a firearm or who uses a firearm to commit certain crimes after being convicted of committing certain violent felonies, and providing a criminal penalty					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill, if enacted, will require the imprisonment of persons who had been convicted of violent felonies and violate the prohibition on possessing firearms.

Prosecutors provided different perspectives on this bill. Some thought that enactment will require additional prosecutors because defendants may be more inclined to challenge a charge including a mandatory minimum prison sentence. Other prosecutors do not anticipate a fiscal impact on their offices because the prohibition of possessing a firearm violation would be charged along with the violent felony that would be alleged to be committed in the first place.

Since prosecutors did not reach a consensus on the potential impact of this bill, a fiscal estimate is indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Due to differing opinions of prosecutors, a long-term fiscal estimate is indeterminate.